



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Governors**

**Held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Meeting No. 06/23**

**Governors Present:** Professor Ali Asani                      Professor Tashmin Khamis  
Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal                                      Mr Naguib Kheraj  
Ms Karina Govindji                                      Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova  
Dr Arif Jamal    Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar  
Mr Rahim Karim    Mr Habib Motani  
Mr Alykhan Kassam                                      Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz  
Mr Amyn Kassim-Lakha                                      Professor Farid Panjwani

**Governors Absent:** Dr Farhad Daftary

**Quorum present:** Yes

**Others present:** Professor Zayn Kassam (permanent guest)  
Ms Selina Ramji (permanent guest)  
Zuleikha Haji, Dr Nazmin Halani, Zahra Jiwa & Alnoor Nathani invited for item three  
Ruth Francis, Shahed Karim & Fayyaz Nurmohamed invited for items four and five

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The meeting was called to order at 10.00 am.

*1. Conflicts of interest*

- a) There were no declarations of interest over and above the current standing list of interests notified to the Board.

*2. Director's Report*

- a) The Director's Report for September was noted.

*3. Board Committee and Working Group Updates*

- a) The submission for September was noted.

*4. Curriculum Studies – Status Update*

- a) Governors appreciated the presentation and update, noting that future resourcing will need to be reconsidered to achieve the desired outcomes.

*5. AKDN Linkages Working Group paper*

- a) The submission was noted. The Chair of the working group expressed gratitude to all members who contributed to the work over the past two years.  
b) The work will be taken forward by a management group, led by Professor Kassam.

*6. AKDN Communications*

- a) Governors appreciated the presentation on the work of the AKDN Communications team, noting the importance of institutionalising the relationship with IIS on shared objectives.

7. *IIS – Event Update*

b) Mr Kheraj and Ms Ramji shared information about the forthcoming event.

8. *Update on Strategic Plan*

c) It was noted that key areas of data gathering and analysis need to be considered alongside the development of the plan.

*Selina K Ramji*  
*IIS Board Secretary*  
*20<sup>th</sup> October 2023*